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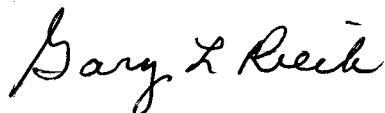
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I am a 65 year old farmer and cattle producer involved in farming full time since 1962.

We need every animal tested to make sure we have safe beef for all our customers in America and for export. The cost is small compared to ramifications of mad cow out break years later from oversight or failure to act now.

On or about March 17, 2004, a key scientist told Congressional Biomedical Research Caucus Today that the U.S. should follow Japan's model. The Japanese solution is the right one says Stahley Prvsiner, the University of California scientist who discovered prions. "Mad cow's greatest threat to safety of human food supply in modern times is safety of blood supply worldwide."



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